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F. H. Norton Sec. Am. Numis. So.

Sir -

Can you tell me if there is or has been any Magazine published on Numismatics, and where I can procure a copy of Dickesons Numismatic Manual, Hoping you will pardon the liberty I have taken but feeling that the only way to know was to go to headquarters.

I remain Respectfully

Saml. L. S. Smith -

P. O. Box 143 -

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N. J.

N J. law relating to Spanish money

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Bridgeton June 12 1863

Dear Sir

I am much indebted to you for your letter of 9th inst and the accompanying pamphlets. They contain valuable information but do not answer the precise question I have been investigating

I have however discovered the New Jersey Act which solves most of my difficulties so far as this State is concerned It was passed by the Legislature which sat at Haddonfield Feby 11. 1777. The first section enacts that in all payments Spanish milled dollars weighing 17 pwt 6 gr shall pass at the rate of and be deemed equal in value to seven shillings and six pence lawful money of this State a dollar; and that the paper bills of credit or dollars emitted by the continental congress shall pass at the rate above fixed for and be deemed equal in value to Spanish milled dollars – except obligations payable in sterling money which should be at the rate of 4/6 the dollar Sec 2. fixes the Portuguese Half Johannes at 8 dollars –

These coins must have been common. The provincial Attyy Genl of N.J. used to sell such proceeds in ejectment & battery cases for half a joe dollars I came to the bar in 1815 & was told the regular fee for a motion was half a joe or 8 dolls and a trial fee $32 dolls

You will perceive this legislature sat near Philada and in fact the legislature during the revolution was controlled by Beck Jersey. The 7/6 rate no doubt originated in Philad^a. When & how is the question. Doubtless some act of your legislature will be found similar to ours. But I do not doubt that the practice originated earlier — and no doubt the actual value of gold & silver fluctuated as it does now. I have some where seen a reference to a meeting of traders in Philada fixing the dollar at 7/6 instead of 6/8 the proclamation value but cannot now find it

You will greatly oblige me by communicating whatever on the subject may come to your knowledge

I enclose a mem. respecting our law of 1796.

Formerly I used to collect documents papers &c but they so accumulated that I have dispersed them

Respectfully

L L C Elmer

valuable autograph

H Phillips Jr Esq

Commend my services in aid of any research you are making

L. L. C. Elmer
Rec'd June 13/63.
Ans June 23/63.

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Albany Septr 22nd 1863

Dear Sir.

Your note & inclosure found me out of town. I called on you last week at the Astor Library. You "had just gone to lunch."

I thought I had acknowledged the package of Tokens. The oversight was not intentional, as they were valuable. I still have a desire to make our collection as complete as possible, & will buy any duplicates which you can spare. Dr. Lord's collection at the American Institute fair, was quite curious.

Yours Truly
J. H. Hickox

J. H. Norton Esq
N.Y.